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Letter dated 26 July 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to communicate the following.

In his statement at the 4174th meeting of the Security Council, held on 20 July 2000, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts", the Permanent Representative of Austria, speaking in his country's capacity as Chair in Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), highlighted that organization's activities and institutions which were dealing with conflict prevention and other related matters.

Furthermore, the Austrian Representative stated that "in addition, very useful work in conflict prevention is done by the field missions in Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Albania, Georgia, Chechnya, Nagorno-Karabakh, Moldova and Tajikistan" (see S/PV.4174, p. 29).

In this connection, it should be underlined that the foregoing formulation "the field mission in Nagorno-Karabakh" is incorrect. Accordingly, the matter needs to be clarified.

In 1995, the OSCE Chairman-in-Office established a special position called "Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on the conflict dealt with by the Minsk Conference", with headquarters in Tbilisi, Georgia. According to the mandate, adopted on 12 September 1995, the Personal Representative is assisted by his Field Assistants stationed in Baku, the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and Yerevan, Armenia. The mandate of the Personal Representative was discussed with and approved by the Government of Azerbaijan at the time.

It is with the consent of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan that the mission of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office is functioning in the conflict zone, including the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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